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1. November 1949, an unidentified division headquarters and the 234th and 236th MVD Regts were quartered in a barracks installation in Moscow-Bogorodskoye, about 6 km northeast of the Kremlin and 1 km southeast of the Belokammenaya railroad station of the Moscow suburban railroad line. The installation, which consisted of several four-story brick buildings, stables, storehouses and two large officers' houses still under construction, was called NKVD Barracks by PWs. A radio installation with three towers, 20 meters high, was in the barracks yard. *
2. A three-star general and a two-star general belonged to the division headquarters. Lieutenant Colonel Gribinski (phonetic spelling) (fnu) was identified as the deputy commander. A school for the training of NCO candidates was assigned to the headquarters.
3. The 234th MVD Regt was a guard unit employed for escort missions with PW and forced labor shipments. Its commanding officer was a lieutenant colonel. Major Tishenko (fnu) was mess officer. PWs called this unit the small regiment. The soldiers wore red-bordered blue epaulets with yellow numbers on them, blue service caps with red piping, and were armed only with rifles. The EM were from 20 to 30 years of age. The regiment was equipped with some trucks and prison cars. **
4. PWs called the 236th MVD Regt the Lenin Regiment or large regiment (sic). It was organized into three battalions and participated in all Moscow parades. The uniform was the same as that worn by the 234th MVD Regt. A double-breasted blouse with a stand-up collar was worn for parades. The unit was armed with rifles and machine guns and was equipped with 30 to 40 one-ton trucks, fitted with wooden benches, and numerous passenger cars. The regiment had been quartered in the barracks installation since 1949. Many of its effectives had served with the Soviet occupation army in Germany. Some of the soldiers said that they had been in Kaliningrad or Wroclaw. The EM were from 20 to 25 years of age and most of them served for six or seven years. The arrival of recruits was not noticed.

* Comment. The 234th MVD Convoy Regt was reported [] to have been located in Ivanovo and Yaroslavl, northeast of Moscow. It was employed for the guarding of PWs. The 236th MVD Convoy Regt was identified at the Third Ukrainian Front in World War II. This does not preclude the possibility that the regiments are now located in Moscow.

* [redacted] Comment. The uniform described is that worn by MVD troops in the U.S.S.R.

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